

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78581

Kimihide TAKAHASHI

Appln. No.: 10/720,349

Group Art Unit: 2851

Confirmation No.: 3898

Examiner: Tuan H. Le

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: **DIGITAL CAMERA SYSTEM**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated February 22, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Fig. 3 for examination on which claims 1-5 and 18 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 6-17.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES  
U.S. Appln. No. 10/720,349

Attorney Docket No. Q78581

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan P. Parikh  
Registration No. 41,239

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE  
23373  
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: April 23, 2007